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1. ON JULY 6, 1973 IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM DDF MAYOR SENTIES, EMBASSY OFFICERS, LSCKEN (ACTING FOR DIKEOS) AND GILLESPIE MET WITH SENTIES AND DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, MISS ALESSIO ROBLES. SENTIES STRESSED HIS DESIRE TO FIND A FULLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY COMPLETION OF THE CIRCUITO INTERIOR AND SAID THAT HE HAD CHARGED ALESSIO ROBLES WITH MEETING AS LONG AND AS FREQUENTLY WITH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES AS MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO FIND THAT SOLUTION. HE THEN TURNED THE SESSION OVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING WHO PRESENTED THE DDF'S PROPOSAL I.E., TO COMPENSATE US FOR THE LOSS OF 1590 SQUARE METERS TO BE TAKEN FOR THE LATERAL ROADWAY BY GIVING US THE PIE SHAPED AREA TO THE SOUTH OF THE EXISTING CEMETERY WHICH COMPRISES APPROXIMATELY 1600 SQUARE METERS. THE PROPOSAL INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF CRYPTS TO ALLOW VERTICAL INTERMENT OF THE REMAINS (SOME 386) WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE MOVED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS END.

2. EMB OFFICERS REPLY THAT THE COMMISSION HAD, FOLLOWING GENERAL ADAMS' MEETING WITH AND BRIEFING BY MISS ALESSIO ROBLES AND HER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STAFF, TAKEN UP THIS POSSIBILITY AS A POSSIBLE DDF PROPOSAL WITH

THE FULL COMMISSION AND THE COMMISSION'S ARCHITECTS AND THAT THE COMMISSION'S CONCLUSION WAS THAT THIS WAS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. EMB OFFICERS THEN RAISED AGAIN THE QUESTION OF REROUTING LATERAL TRAFFIC AROUND THE CEMETERY ALONG EXISTING CALZADA MELCHOR OCAMPO, BUT THE ENGINEERING STAFF OF THE PLANNING OFFICE RESPONDED THAT THEIR DETAILED STUDIES SHOWED THAT SUCH A MOVE WAS NOT FEASIBLE AND WOULD EFFECTIVELY NEGATE MOST OF THE BENEFITS TO BE GAINED FROM THE CIRCUITO INTERIOR PROJECT AT THIS PART OF THE CITY; THEREFORE OUR "COUNTER PROPOSAL" WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE DDF.

3. REPEATING SENTENCES' STATEMENT THAT SHE HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH COMING UP WITH AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TOOK, MISS ALESSIO ROBLES THEN RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF RELOCATING THE ENTIRE CEMETERY. SHE STRESSED THAT RELOCATION WOULD HAVE TO BE TO LAND OWNED OR AVAILABLE TO THE DDF AND ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. HAD ANY PARTICULAR AREAS WHICH IT FAVORED. EMB OFFICE RESPONDED THAT WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT LAND MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO THE DDF FOR THIS PURPOSE IT WOULD BE FRUITLESS FOR US TO TRY TO FIND A SUITABLE LOCATION AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THE DDF WOULD PRESENT A PROPOSED SITE FORMALLY TO THE EMBASSY WITH A TARGET DATE FOR THAT PURPOSE OF JULY 13.

4. GIVEN PAST PERFORMANCE OF THE OFFICES INVOLVED, WE WILL NOT BEGIN LOOKING FOR THE RELOCATION PROPOSAL UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER THE 13TH. AS SOON AS A PROPOSED SITE IS ASSIGNED WE WILL ADVISE THE COMMISSION.

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